

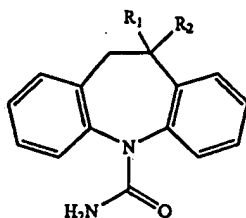
### ***Listing of Claims***

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the Application.

1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously presented) A method of treatment for tinnitus and other inner ear/cochlear excitability related diseases in a subject in need of such treatment, which comprises administering to said subject a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I

(1)



wherein

- (a) R<sub>1</sub> represents hydrogen, and R<sub>2</sub> represents hydroxy or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl carbonyloxy, or
- (b) R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> together represent an oxo group, or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously presented) A method of treatment according to claim 7 wherein R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> of formula I or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof together represent an oxo group.

10. (Previously presented) A method of treatment according to claim 7 wherein  $R_1$  of formula I or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof represent hydrogen and  $R_2$  represents hydroxy.

11. (Previously presented) A method of treatment according to claim 7 wherein  $R_1$  of formula I or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof represent hydrogen and  $R_2$  represents acetoxy.

12. (Previously presented) A method of treatment according to claim 7 for treating tinnitus.

13. (Previously presented) A method of treatment according to claim 7 wherein  $R_1$  of formula I represents hydrogen and  $R_2$  represents hydroxy or  $C_1$ - $C_3$  alkyl carbonyloxy and wherein the compound is employed in enantiomerically pure form.